Prosecutions.

287. No prosecution for the evasion of stamp duty under the provisions of the Mysore Stamp Act was instituted during the year.

288. The total net revenue from stamps under all heads amounted to Rs. 1,85,54,730 (Rs. 1,57,54,203—79) during the year, while the expenditure incurred by the Stamps Department for its administration was Rs. 3,12,807—11 nP. (Rs. 2,57,158—74).

Exemption from payment of Stamp Duty.

289. The total Stamp Duty foregone by the Department on account of several concessions granted by Government to Co-operative Institutions, Land Mortgage Banks and other institutions from payment of Stamp duty in full or in part amounted to Rs. 25,34,692—62 nP. (Rs. 25,88,550).

(ii) Mysore Sales of Motor Spirit Taxation Act, 1957.

290. The administration of Mysore Sales of Motor Spirit Taxation Act, 1957 was satisfactory. No difficulties were experienced in the Administration of the Act during the year.

291. The number of applications received from all the dealers liable to pay tax under Petrol was 37 (38) and under (M.S.O.P.) Under Spirit other than Petrol was 66 (50). The number of applications received from all the dealers not liable to tax under Petrol was 258 (174) and under M.S.O.P. was 256 (185). All the dealers who had applied for registration had been registered during the year.

292. No amendments to the Mysore Sales of Motor Spirit Taxation Act, 1957 and Rules were brought into force during the year.

Demand, Collection and Balance.

293. The demand raised during the year was Rs. 47,15,375—76 (Rs. 43,04,175—06) under Petrol and Rs.49,10,056-51 (Rs. 42,42,128-84) under M.S.O.P. Out of this demand, Rs. 46,44,334-28 (Rs. 42,67,865-59) under Petrol and Rs. 48,85,710-39 (Rs. 40,76,316-27) under M. S. O. P. had been collected leaving a balance of Rs. 71,041-48 (Rs. 36,309-47.) and Rs. 24,346-12 (Rs.1,65,812-57) respectively. The total demand of registration fee and miscellaneous fees raised during the year were Rs. 3,288 (Rs. 2,144) and Rs. 3,615 (Rs. 1,568)

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respectively out of which Rs. 2 993-50 (Rs. 2,030-00) and Rs. 2,793-00 (Rs. 1,468) had been collected, leaving a balance of Rs. 294—50 (Rs. 114) and Rs. 922 (Rs. 100 respectively.

Appeals and Offences.

294. Only 19 (5) cases had been filed under Section 10 (d) and 2 (1) cases had been withdrawn under Section 10 (d). As regards offences compounded departmentally under Section 19, only 16 (39) cases had been booked under Section 10 (a).

295. The offences booked under Section 10 (d) were 103 (15). The total compounding fee levied was Rs.1,139-50 (Rs. 830-50), only 10 (nil) cases under Section 10 (d) were let off with warning.

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(vi) The Government Insurance Department.

296. Proposals for starting new insurance schemes like Fire, and other General Insurance Schemes on the model of Bombay Insurance Fund were under consideration of the Government.

297. Arrangements have been made for the valuation of the Life Branch policies for the triennium ending 31st March 1959. Bonus intimation cards for 1956 were distributed to the current policy holders.

Proposals (N w Business)

298. Out of 10,826 proposals that were received during the year, 7,450 were accepted, 4,928 being cases of first insurance and 2,522 of further insurance. Two thousand four hundred and twentythree proposals were rejected, 2,349 temporarily and 74 permanently on medical and other grounds. There were thus 953 proposals pending disposal at the close of the year.

Policies

299. Out of 12,641 proposals accepted during the year including 5,061 pending at the beginning of the year and 130 cases reinstated during the year, 9,746 proposals resulted in policies for an assurance of Rs. 1,64,76,336 bringing in a monthly premium of Rs. 60,005—50 nP as against 18,458 policies for an assurance of Rs. 2,56,03,515 with a monthly premium income of Rs. 99,285—50 nP in the previous year. Out of the remaining 2,895 proposals, 1,385 were cancelled and for 1,510 cases, Treasury receipts for payment of first premium had not been received before the close of year.